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In the Claims:

Please amend claims 15 and 20, without prejudice, as shown below in the following complete listing of all claims ever presented. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the instant application:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A method of enhancing foam properties and skin compatibility of a cleaning composition, said method comprising:

- (a) providing a cleaning composition comprising an alk(en)yl oligoglycoside;
- (b) providing a hydroxycarboxylic acid partial ester; and
- (c) combining the cleaning composition and the hydroxycarboxylic acid partial ester.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein the hydroxycarboxylic acid partial ester comprises an ester of a hydroxycarboxylic acid having from 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 2, wherein the hydroxycarboxylic acid partial ester comprises an ester of a hydroxycarboxylic acid and a fatty alcohol having from 6 to 22 carbon atoms.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 2, wherein the alk(en)yl oligoglycoside and the hydroxycarboxylic acid partial ester are combined in a weight ratio of from 25:75 to 75:25.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 3, wherein the hydroxycarboxylic acid partial ester comprises a salt thereof selected from the group consisting

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of alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium and glucammonium salts.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein the hydroxycarboxylic acid partial ester comprises an ester of a hydroxycarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of lactic acid, tartaric acid, malic acid, citric acid and self-condensation products thereof.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 6, wherein the hydroxycarboxylic acid partial ester comprises an ester of a hydroxycarboxylic acid and a fatty alcohol having from 6 to 22 carbon atoms.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 6, wherein the alk(en)yl oligoglycoside and the hydroxycarboxylic acid partial ester are combined in a weight ratio of from 25:75 to 75:25.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 7, wherein the hydroxycarboxylic acid partial ester comprises a salt thereof selected from the group consisting of alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium and glucammonium salts.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein the hydroxycarboxylic acid partial ester comprises an ester of a hydroxycarboxylic acid and a fatty alcohol having from 6 to 22 carbon atoms.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein the hydroxycarboxylic acid partial ester comprises a salt thereof selected from the group consisting

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of alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium and glucammonium salts.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein the alk(en)yl oligoglycoside and the hydroxycarboxylic acid partial ester are combined in a weight ratio of from 1:99 to 99:1.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein the alk(en)yl oligoglycoside and the hydroxycarboxylic acid partial ester are combined in a weight ratio of from 25:75 to 75:25.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 1, wherein the alk(en)yl oligoglycoside corresponds to the general formula (I):



wherein R' represents an alk(en)yl radical having from 4 to 22 carbon atoms, G represents a sugar moiety having from 5 or 6 carbon atoms and p is a number of from 1 to 10.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 14, wherein the hydroxycarboxylic acid partial ester comprises an ester of a hydroxycarboxylic acid and a fatty alcohol having a hydrocarbon portion which corresponds to the alk(en)yl radical represented by R'.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 15, wherein the alk(en)yl oligoglycoside and the hydroxycarboxylic acid partial ester are combined in a weight ratio of from 25:75 to 75:25.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 9, wherein the alk(en)yl oligoglycoside corresponds to the general formula (I):

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wherein R' represents an alk(en)yl radical having from 4 to 22 carbon atoms, G represents a sugar moiety having from 5 or 6 carbon atoms and p is a number of from 1 to 10.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 17, wherein the hydroxycarboxylic acid partial ester comprises an ester of a hydroxycarboxylic acid and a fatty alcohol having a hydrocarbon portion which corresponds to the alk(en)yl radical represented by R'.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): A method of enhancing foam properties and skin compatibility of a cleaning composition, said method comprising:

(a) providing a cleaning composition comprising an alk(en)yl oligoglycoside corresponding to the general formula (I):



wherein R' represents an alk(en)yl radical having from 4 to 22 carbon atoms, G represents a sugar moiety having from 5 or 6 carbon atoms and p is a number of from 1 to 10;

(b) providing a hydroxycarboxylic acid partial ester salt selected from the group consisting of alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium and glucammonium salts, wherein the hydroxycarboxylic acid partial ester comprises an ester of a hydroxycarboxylic acid selected from the group consisting of lactic acid, tartaric acid, malic acid, citric acid and self-condensation products thereof, and a fatty alcohol having a hydrocarbon portion which corresponds to the alk(en)yl radical represented by R'; and

(c) combining the cleaning composition and the hydroxycarboxylic acid partial ester in a weight ratio of from 25:75 to 75:25.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): A cleaning composition comprising:

(a) an alk(en)yl oligoglycoside corresponding to the general formula (I):



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wherein R' represents an alk(en)yl radical having from 4 to 22 carbon atoms, G represents a sugar moiety having from 5 or 6 carbon atoms and p is a number of from 1 to 10; and

(b) a hydroxycarboxylic acid partial ester, wherein the hydroxycarboxylic acid partial ester comprises an ester of a hydroxycarboxylic acid and a fatty alcohol having a hydrocarbon portion which corresponds to the alk(en)yl radical represented by R'.